

## OCSPP Lead Fact Sheet

### Topline Messages:

- OCSPP activities to address lead-based paint are a key component of the agency's Lead Action Plan.
- The U.S. has made tremendous progress in reducing lead exposure, which has resulted in lower childhood blood lead levels over time. EPA's work on lead-based paint has been an important component of the U.S. laws and regulations that have contributed to this progress.
- In June 2018, EPA proposed a rule to reduce the regulatory dust lead hazard standard from 40  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  and 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  to 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  and 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  on floors and window sills, respectively. EPA will finalize this proposal by June 2019. These levels are applicable where dust-lead testing occurs to comply with HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Rule, and where dust-lead testing occurs in response to testing that detects an elevated blood lead level in a child.

OCSPP has 4 major components of our lead-based paint program:

- Lead-Based Paint Activities Program includes inspection, risk assessment and abatement of lead-paint hazards by establishing standards for these activities that are safe, reliable and effective and by establishing training and certification programs for these lead professionals and their firms [focus is on Lead-based Paint Abatement];
  - *Funding: Training and certification will continue in FY20 with the work being absorbed by Chemical Risk Reduction and Review Program ("CRRR").*
- Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program reduces the creation of new lead hazards as the result of RRP activities in homes and child-occupied facilities built before 1978 by establishing training and certification programs for renovators, including those involved in renovation, repair, painting, and similar work, and firms who may disturb lead paint in the course of their work [focus on Lead-based Paint Renovation activities]
  - *Funding: Training and certification will continue in FY20 with the work being absorbed by CRRR.*
- Disclosure Program requires sellers or lessors to disclose information on the presence of lead to prospective buyers or lessees and requires renovation contractors to provide pamphlets on lead hazards to tenants, homeowners and child-care facility administrators and parents prior to beginning work;
  - *Funding: The disclosure requirement would remain though the Disclosure Program would not be funded in FY20.*
- Public Education and Outreach Program educates parents, homeowners and the medical community on the risks of lead-based paint and how to reduce the risks.
  - *Funding: The Public Education and Outreach Program is not funded in FY20*